

# LOCAL CIRCUIT LC1: COBHAM & CUXTON

**F** Open fields (see 'Introductory Notes')

**88** Direction label (as in the walk notes)

## ROADS:

==== Significant roads

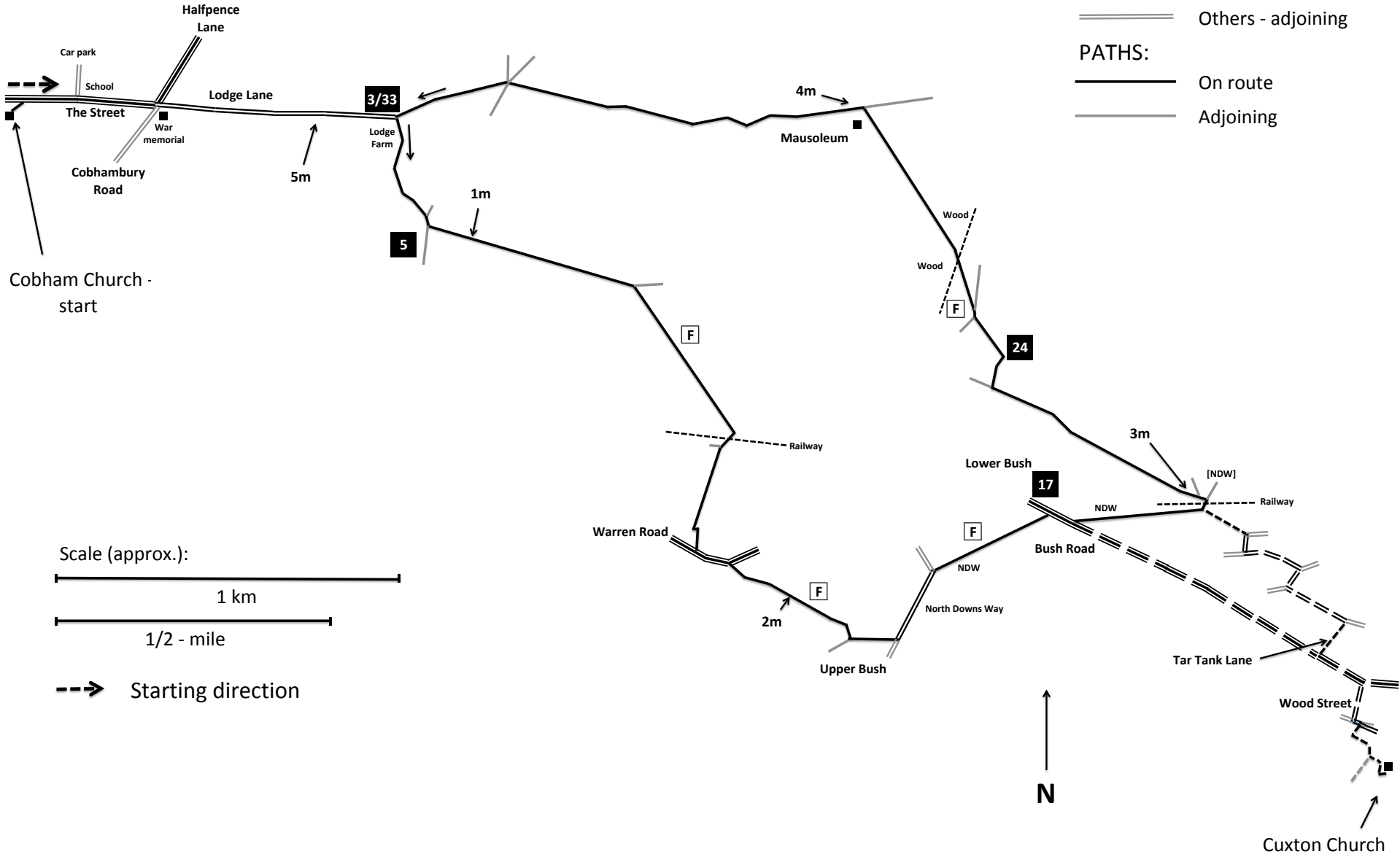
==== Others - on route

==== Others - adjoining

## PATHS:

— On route

— Adjoining



**LOCAL CIRCUIT LC1: COBHAM & CUXTON - 5.54 miles  
(6.94 miles including detour to Cuxton Church)**

**Linked churches:**

Cobham (start and finish)

Cuxton (Direction 18I: Detour – see Appendix)

**Roads and hindrances:**

There are no significant hindrances. The ‘main’ roads in Cobham and Cuxton (not particularly busy) both have pavements alongside.

Notes taken: April and May 2017

The start and finish is at **Cobham Church** (DA12 3BG).

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		From the main north door of <b><u>Cobham Church</u></b> , take the path which goes half-right, and reaching the road turn right along it.	670 684	
2	<b>5</b>	After crossing Cobhambury Road, keep to the left of the war memorial, and (as the main road turns to the left) keep straight on along Lodge Lane.		
3	<b>13</b>	<b>[Map point]</b> After the most of buildings of Lodge Farm, turn right, opposite an information board, down the signposted byway.		0.71
4	<b>14</b>	After passing a barn, go slightly left along the broad path (but not further left through the gate marked for the Darnley Trail).		
5	<b>16</b>	<b>[Map point]</b> Take the second left turn, past the remains of a MKG, on to a broad track, next to a ‘Plotlands’ information board.		
6	<b>21</b>	Ignore the path on the left.		
7	<b>24</b>	At the top of a rise, look for a gap on the right. Go through it, and soon afterwards through a metal gate. <b>!!F!!</b> Then turn half-left, down across a vast field, heading towards a railway bridge at the distant bottom left-hand corner.	688 679	
8	<b>30</b>	Go through the bridge and swing right with the track.		1.64
9	<b>31</b>	Turn left beside a metal gate, and walk along the bottom left-hand edge of a sloping field.		
10	<b>34</b>	Near the end, look out for a metal gate in the fence on the left, go through it and turn right alongside the fence. Then go ahead over grass to reach a road.		
11	<b>35</b>	Turn left along the road and follow it uphill.		
12	<b>36</b>	<b>!!F!!</b> Maintain more or less the same direction to follow a footpath on the right (leaving the road as it bends to the left). The line more or less contours to start with, staying above the steeper drop on its right, then drops gently towards a gate in the distant bottom-left corner, reached by passing about 25 yds. to the left of a pole – the fifth one counting across from the left.		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
13	<b>42</b>	At the bottom keep the gate on your left, and turn steeply uphill into the trees.	694 669	
14	<b>43</b>	At a T-junction of paths at the top turn left along a rough roadway between farm buildings.		
15	<b>46</b>	Turn left at the 'Upper Bush' sign, joining the North Downs Way.		2.29
16	<b>48</b>	<b>[!!F!!]</b> When the road bends to the left, leave it by instead taking the track which forks to the right across the field (signposted NDW, bearing 060) .		
17	<b>53</b>	<b>[Map point]</b> Reaching the road (Bush Road), turn right along it.		
18		<i>[To visit <b>Cuxton Church</b>, now divert instead to the <b>Detour</b> in the Appendix.]</i> <b>Main route:</b> Very soon, about 20 yds. after the '30' speed-limit sign, turn left away from the road, up an enclosed path to the left of 'Plovers' and a garage numbered '202' (still NDW).	700 672	
19	<b>60</b>	At the top, after passing a bench, turn left over the railway bridge.	704 672	2.93
20		At the end of the bridge immediately fork left, leaving the NDW, to go parallel to the railway below, then fork left again.		
21	<b>61</b>	Continue ahead across a small open area.		
22	<b>62</b>	And carry on, into more trees.		
23	<b>71</b>	After a slight right-turn, some steps and a MKG, turn right, gently downhill, alongside the edge of the field.		
24	<b>72</b>	<b>[Map point]</b> At the bottom, turn left along the far edge of the same field (not going through the MKG).		3.45
25	<b>74</b>	<b>[!!F!!]</b> Go through the swing gate at the far right-hand corner. Here, after a bit of a right-turn, the main path would take you down a long straight descent to the valley; but instead descend about 30 degrees to the left of that line, towards a MKG at the edge of woodland (bearing 347).	698 678	
26	<b>76</b>	Go through the MKG, and begin a climb through the wood, on a rough, winding path.		
27	<b>77</b>	Meeting a crossing path, go briefly right, then left, roughly on the original line.		
28	<b>80</b>	Go straight across at another crosspaths.		
29	<b>84</b>	After more uphill windings, reach and go through a MKG, with the mausoleum in sight beyond it. Continue ahead with the mausoleum on your left, to meet a wide crossing path.		
30	<b>86</b>	Turn left along this path, soon entering more trees.	694 684	3.98
31	<b>94</b>	Leave Cobham Wood through a MKG next to a gate and cattle grid.		
32	<b>99</b>	At crosspaths with multiple waymarks, simply continue ahead.		
33	<b>103</b>	<b>[Map point]</b> At the start of the farm buildings, go ahead through a MKG beside a big gate, and along the roadway, now retracing your steps from the start of the walk.		4.83
34	<b>112</b>	Reaching the main road next to the war memorial, cross Cobhambury Road and go ahead along the left-hand side of The Street.		
35	<b>117</b>	Reach the path leading on the left to <b>Cobham Church</b>	670 684	5.54

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## APPENDIX to Local Circuit LC1

### Detour to Cuxton Church

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
18A	<b>0</b>	For the quite long detour to Cuxton Church: Instead of leaving Bush Road at Direction 18, continue along it.	700 672	0.00
18B	<b>11</b>	Turn right into Wood Street.		
18C	<b>13</b>	At the T-junction at the top (Woodhurst Close) go to the left for just a few yards, but then climb the rough alleyway, more or less straight ahead from Wood Street, towards Six Acre Wood.		
18D		Follow the path as it turns left.		
18E	<b>14</b>	When the railings come to an end, continue ahead.		
18F	<b>15</b>	Follow the path as it turns right, up steps.		
18G	<b>16</b>	Where tracks divide at the top, turn left towards the church.		
18H		Go through the gate into the churchyard, and turn right, keeping near the wall on the right, to go anti-clockwise around the church.		
18I	<b>17</b>	Reach the south door of <b>Cuxton Church</b> . Then begin the process of retracing your steps to, and part-way along, Bush Road.	710 664	0.83
18J	<b>18</b>	Back at the gate go through it and straight ahead with the fence on your right.		
18K	<b>19</b>	At the junction, as the path starts to descend, take the right fork to go down the steps. Then turn left with the path, and follow it down, turning right near the bottom.		
18L	<b>21</b>	Cross the road at the bottom and go down Wood Street (virtually) opposite.		
18M	<b>22</b>	Turn left along the main road (Bush Road).		
18N	<b>24</b>	Now finally leave Bush Road by crossing it and turning right up Tar Tank Lane, passing the barriers.		1.13
18O	<b>26</b>	At the top, turn left along the road, still uphill.		
18P	<b>29</b>	Reaching a T-junction, turn right, still uphill.		
18Q	<b>30</b>	Turn left up Nine Acres Road.		
18R	<b>32</b>	In a little dip, turn right, up Poplicans Road.		
18S	<b>33</b>	When the road turns sharply to the right, instead turn left up a driveway between houses.		
18T	<b>34</b>	Go through a squeeze barrier and a MKG, and on uphill.		
18U	<b>36</b>	Rejoin the main route by going between the barriers and turning right over the railway bridge. This is the bridge referred to in Direction 19: immediately beyond it fork left as in Direction 20 and follow the main route from there.  <b>Add 29 minutes to subsequent total times and 1.40 miles to cumulative distances.</b>	704 672	1.63

### FOR THOSE WHO WALK WITH THEIR DOGS

See footnote on next page.

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I do not venture to give advice about walking with your dog. As well as the joys, you will be well aware of the issues involved, and particularly that relationships between dogs and other countryside animals potentially involve mutual suspicion, or worse.

**But what this footnote does try to do, in response to requests, is to give some indication of the nature of the walk from a dog's point of view, to enable you to decide whether it is suitable.**

The percentage distances on the right should be self-explanatory.

The information in the middle column may look a bit cluttered, but I think it should enable you (if the detail is of interest) to mark up within a few minutes a print-out of the walk notes, so that you have some idea what might be round the next corner.

The risk in all this is that **things change so quickly** in the agricultural working world; and what I describe might become misleading after subsequent changes. I have done my best, but there is no guarantee that you will find the information up to date!

<b>LOCAL CIRCUIT LC1 - MAIN ROUTE</b>	<b>Direction numbers</b>	<b>% of walk</b>
Busy road	1, 11, 17, 34	12
Quiet road \$\$	2, 14-15, 33	20
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock	23-24	3
Field (or edge) without livestock **	7, 9, 12, 16, 21, 25, 29-30a, 32b	23
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	3-5, 8, 10, 13, 18-19, 31-32a	21
Woods	6, 20, 22, 26-28, 30b	21

<b>LOCAL CIRCUIT LC1 - INCL. CUXTON CHURCH DETOUR</b>	<b>Direction numbers in detour</b>	<b>% of whole walk</b>
Busy road	18A, 18M, 18O-R	23
Quiet road \$\$	18B, 18L	18
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock		2
Field (or edge) without livestock **		19
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	18C-D, 18H-J, 18Kb, 18N, 18S	18
Woods	18E-G, 18Ka, 18T	19

\*\* This is not a promise, just a statement of fact - that, having walked these sections perhaps two or three times, I have found no animals or any sign of them.

\$\$ Again, not a promise that there will be no traffic to worry about. Just a personal judgement of conditions as I have found them.

**STILES:** There are currently no stiles on this walk.